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Office Action Summary

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Sujatha Sharma

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Braithberg [US 5,822,427].

Regarding claims 1,10,12,18, Braithberg discloses a method of connecting a cellular telephone to a host assembly via a cable. Braithberg further discloses a method for using information related to an identification of a portable communications device, comprising:

- providing a first portable communications device, having a first make and a first model, with a docking assembly; See col. 2, lines 53-67 and Fig.14
- obtaining from said first portable communications device identification-related information that can be used to identify said first portable communications device; See col. 3, lines 4-7
- controlling at least one of: power to said first portable communications device; initiation of use of said first portable communications device; and utilization of air link requirements of said first portable communications device based on said identification related information. See col. 3, lines 7-13.

Also see col. 5, lines 1-48, col. 8, lines 23-37, col. 9, lines 22-28.

Regarding claims 2,11 Braithberg further discloses a method, wherein said first portable communications device includes a first cellular telephone and said docking assembly includes a pocket member that holds said first portable communications device and in which said first cellular telephone is

one of a plurality of cellular telephones being associated with said first make and, wherein each of said plurality of cellular telephones is associated with a different model. See col. 2, line 53 – col. 3, line 13.

Regarding claim 3, Braithberg further discloses a method wherein: said plurality of cellular telephones includes a second cellular telephone and in which said second cellular telephone has physical characteristics including dimensions such that said second cellular telephone can be held by said first pocket member. See col. 2, lines 53- col. 3, line 13.

Regarding claims 4,19,20 Braithberg discloses a method further including: providing a third cellular telephone and a second pocket member for holding said third cellular telephone and in which said third cellular telephone has physical characteristics including dimensions that prevent it from being properly used with said first pocket member and in which said first and second cellular telephones have physical characteristics including dimensions that prevent it from being properly used with said second pocket member. See Figs 2A-2F, col. 5, lines 32 – 41, col. 6, lines 23-27.

Regarding claims 5-7,13,14 Braithberg discloses a method wherein: said identification-related information includes at least a first message obtained from said first portable communications device. See col. 6, lines 23-33.

Regarding claim 15, Braithberg further discloses a method wherein: said plurality of cellular telephones includes a second cellular telephone and in which said second cellular telephone has physical characteristics including dimensions such that said second cellular telephone can be held by said first pocket member. See col. 2, lines 53- col. 3, line 13.

Regarding claims 8,9,16,17, Braithberg discloses a method wherein: said identification-related information includes a message type that is indicative of a data format used by said first portable communications device. See col. 2, lines 35-42,col. 3, lines 4-13, col. 4, lines 49-58, col. 5, lines 5-9, col. 7, lines 45-56, col. 9, lines 32-44col. 16, lines 35-38.

Regarding claim 21, Braithberg further discloses a method wherein said docking assembly comprises an adaptor and a docking station, wherein said first portable communications device is received by a first adaptor, and wherein said first adaptor is interconnected to a first docking station. See Figs 2A-2F, 14, 28, col. 10, lines 4-24, col. 15, lines 1-col. 16, line 9.

Regarding claim 22, Braithberg further discloses a method wherein said docking assembly comprises an adaptor and a docking station, wherein said first portable communications device is received by a first adaptor, wherein said first adaptor is interconnected to a first docking station, wherein said third portable communications device is received by a second adaptor, and wherein said second adaptor is interconnected to said first docking station. See Figs 2A-2F, 14, 28, col. 10, lines 4-24, col. 15, lines 1-col. 16, line 9.

Regarding claim 23, Braithberg further discloses a method wherein said first set of interface characteristics comprises control commands. See col. 9, lines 32-44, col. 15, lines 37-43.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Li [US 6,687,513] Device for attaching portable phones to vehicle

Chen [US 6,687,516] Hand-free receiver signal wire for mobile telephone


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Carroll [US 6,509,659] Cable or module identification apparatus and method

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sujatha Sharma whose telephone number is 703-305-5298. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7.30am - 4.00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on 703-308-7745. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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